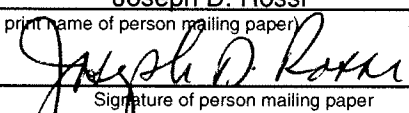


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Sir:

This paper supplements Applicants' Petition to Withdraw from Issue/ Request for Reconsideration (in view of newly submitted prior art) dated July 27, 2007, which was filed in response to Applicants' Payment of the Issue Fee on June 4, 2007:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.